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ABSTRACT

This book provides 250 games and activities designed to help infants to 8-year-olds with all types of disabilities grow through play. Many activities come with special adaptations for children with physical, visual, hearing, emotional, and cognitive impairments. Each chapter focuses on a particular "world" or activity theme. Topics of individual chapters include: (1) tips for successful playtime, which include general guidelines for adapting play for children who have visual impairments, hearing impairments, or physical impairments; (2) exploring the world of the senses; (3) exploring the world of movement; (4) exploring the worlds of water play, outdoors, and make-believe; (5) exploring the world of arts and crafts; (6) exploring the world of music and rhythm; and (7) exploring the world of group activities. Each chapter progresses from simple games and activities to more difficult and developmentally advanced ones. Each activity lists detailed directions, the equipment needed, the activity's benefits, and any possible adaptations for children with particular disabilities. At the end of the book are lists of associations, newsletters, magazines, books, and adaptive toys that can be used for information and ideas for future fun and continuing growth. (CR)

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